

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

At the outset, Applicants thank Examiner Nguyen for indicating that claims 51, 57-59, 65, 66, 80, 86-88, 94 and 95 are allowable. Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims are allowable in view of the amendments to the claims.

The claims have been amended so that claims 51, 57-59, 65, 66, 80, 86-88, 94 and 95 have been written in independent format. Support can be found in the claims as originally filed. The data in the CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION paragraph has been amended to correct a date. No new matter has been added.

The rejection of claims 41-50, 52-56, 60-64, 67-79, 81-85, 89-93, and 96-107 under 35 USC § 103(a) in view of Egraz et al and Couturier et al. has been obviated by amendment. Accordingly, the rejection is no longer tenable and should be withdrawn.

The objections to claims 41, 46, 69, 70, 75, 99, 103, 105 & 106 have been obviated by amendment. Accordingly, the objection is no longer tenable and should be withdrawn.

Applicants respectfully submit that the above-identified application is in condition for allowance. Notification thereof is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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